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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 20, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on January 20, 2006, and for which a Request for Extension of Time for one month is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to expire February 20, 2006, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.